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TAGS: PLOS

SUBJECT: LOS

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BACKGROUND

WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR YOU TO AFFIRM  
CLOSE US-SOVIET COOPERATION AT THE LAW OF THE SEA  
CONFERENCE, AND TO SPECIFICALLY MENTION OVERFLIGHT OF  
STRAITS IN THIS CONNECTION. WHILE THE SITUATION IS  
UNCLEAR, WE ARE NOT SURE THAT THE SOVIETS ARE AS FIRM  
AS WE ARE ON ARRIVING AT A GUARANTEED RIGHT OF OVERFLIGHT  
OF INTERNATIONAL STRAITS, WHICH FOR US IS AN IMPORTANT  
PART OF OUR STRAITS OBJECTIVES IN THE LOS NEGOTIATION.  
WE DO NOT THINK ANY DIRECT MENTIONING OF A POSSIBLE  
PROBLEM WOULD BE PRODUCTIVE AT THIS TIME.

2. SHOULD THE SOVIETS RAISE THE IMPORTANCE OF CLOSE  
COOPERATION ON PROCEDURAL ISSUES IT WOULD ALSO BE  
USEFUL TO EMPHASIZE THAT OUR DELEGATION HAS BEEN  
SEEKING TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE SOVIETS ON THESE  
ISSUES IN SEEKING ADOPTION OF PROCEDURAL RULES WHICH  
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WILL MAXIMIZE MUTUAL SUBSTANTIVE OBJECTIVES. A LONG

PROCEDURAL DEBATE, HOWEVER, COULD BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE  
IN ACHIEVING MUTUAL OBJECTIVES.

TALKING POINTS WITH RESPECT TO THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE

THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE IS A GOOD EXAMPLE  
OF CLOSE US-SOVIET COOPERATION BASED ON COMMON INTERESTS.  
AS THE CONFERENCE ENTERS A DECISIVE PHASE IT IS PARTICULARLY  
IMPORTANT TO CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY TOGETHER, PARTICULARLY  
WITH A VIEW TO ACHIEVING OUR MUTUAL OBJECTIVES REGARDING  
NAVIGATION AND OVERFLIGHT IN STRAITS. THIS MAY INVOLVE  
SOME POLITICAL RESTRAINT ON BOTH SIDES, BUT CLOSE  
COOPERATION WILL BETTER ENABLE US TO REALIZE OUR  
COMMON INTERESTS IN THE NEGOTIATION.  
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